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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1-38 remain in this application. Claims 2, 7, 10, 19, 23, 25, 30 and 33 have been amended.

Specification

The abstract has been amended to remove the implied phrase "A method and apparatus is provided." Accordingly this objection has been obviated.

Claim Objections

Claims 1, 2, 7, 10, 16, 19-25, 30 and 33 were objected to for various informalities. However, some of the informalities were already corrected in previous actions. For example, the objections to the dependency of claims 21 and 22 were corrected in a previous response to an Office Action. Similarly, some the objection to claims 1, 2, 7, 10, 16, 19, 20, 23-25, 30 and 33 for reciting the phrase "and combinations thereof" were also corrected previously or did not require correction. Specifically, only claims 2, 7, 10, 19, 23, 25, 30 and 33 are amended herein by replacing "and" with "or" in the phrase "and combinations thereof." Regardless, the objections have now been obviated.

Inventorship

Applicant contacted Examiner Gay about the request to correct inventorship, as applicant had previously forwarded an oath and declaration by each actual inventor or inventors listing the

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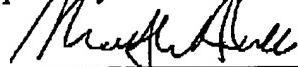
entire inventive entity. Examiner Gay informed applicant that the correct oath and declaration had in fact been filed, but that due to the labeling of the correct oath and declaration in the electronic system it was difficult to identify. Accordingly, this objection is moot.

Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply to be fully responsive to all outstanding issues and place this application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 19-0610 (Reference Number 20.2909).

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Respectfully submitted,



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